

**REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 10, 2009 – 3:30 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. CHAIRPERSON Myrna Warrington called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Myrna Warrington, Dave Corn, Greg Smith, Rick Warrington, Dave Grignon, Betty Jo Wozniak and Lisa Gast. MEMBERS ABSENT: David Miller. Also present: Llewellyn Boyd, John Newton, Bill Richards, Melissa Cook, Allen Washinawatok and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Election of Officers and Review/Approval of Committee By laws.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to appoint Gregory Smith to serve as Vice-Chairman. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Smith) and 1 absent (D. Miller).

Mr. Smith accepted the appointment.

The current By Laws need to be updated. The Committee will receive updated proposed copies at the next meeting for review/approval.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to table the review/approval of the By Laws until the next meeting. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

4. Approval of Minutes dated February 10, 2009

Rick Warrington would like clarification on what tribal funds should be used to pay for the lights located at Ski Hill-Neopit. Mr. Warrington will seek advice from the Tribal Administration Department.

It was the consensus of the committee that the road leading to Ski Hill should be put onto the IRR system to obtain funding to maintain this area.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to approve the minutes dated February 10, 2009. Second was by Gregory Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

5. Proposed cemetery site – Discussion/Recommendations

The committee reviewed site maps for the 33 acre area that is located near Middle Village. Dave Grignon did contact the Oneida Tribe for information on how they developed their cemetery. This information has been provided to the committee in their packets. The ordinance, policies, and how the Tribe will develop this area will all be completed at the same time.

Rick Warrington informed the committee that the Community Development Department is short staffed and they are currently stretched to the limits. An announcement will be made at the Community Meetings to request volunteers, comments, and/or suggestions for the proposed site. Llewellyn Boyd along with Jim Horton will assist with the technical development of this project.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak that we put together an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the development of the cemetery that includes having meetings with the public (if necessary), working with Historic Preservation, holding public hearings and this will include someone from Community Development for the technical aspect. Second was by Gregory Smith. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed 1 abstention (R. Warrington) and 1 absent (D. Miller).

6. South Branch church

Dave Grignon informed the committee that he did discuss the demolition of the Church with the National Register of Historic Places and this would be ok, but to inform them when this is completed so that the Registry removes the Church from the list.

Rick Warrington provided two quotes to the committee for review. The committee requested that the Department conduct a survey to confirm that there is no asbestos or lead paint. It was also suggested to contact Gary Schuettpelz to see if he has any funding available for the survey or can conduct the test himself. After the survey has been completed, the Committee will be able to recommend a contractor.

Motion made by Lisa Gast to have the Community Development Department find the money first to conduct the survey necessary for the South Branch Church. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (R. Warrington), and 1 absent (D. Miller).

7. Ski Hill – Neopit: Discussion/Recommendations

Rick Warrington updated the committee on this topic.

8 Use of Volland's Area Property: Maehnowesekiyah

Maehnowesekiyah provided the proposed trail map that they will be utilizing for the walking/bike trails and other uses. The Committee felt that for the safety of the clients that they should stay to one side of the highway. This decision was made due to the shooting range activities across the highway, the Rez Riders will have their staging area on the opposite side, and there may be other temporary activities that will arise throughout the year

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to recommend to the Legislature to allow Maehnowesekiyah access to the existing designating trails (same side of Hwy 47 that Maehnowesekiyah is located) for their client related activities. Second was by Lisa Gast. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

9. Abandoned trailers update

The letter is still being reviewed by the Legal Department.

Motion made by Gregory Smith to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Betty Jo Wozniak. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

10. Land Lease(s) Requests

KAREN WASHINAWATOK

Mrs. Washinawatok is looking for a home mortgage on her land. The Committee informed Mr. Allen Washinawatok that because the land is only going through the trust process, that the Tribe can not sign anything that it does not own. The two alternatives given were to continue the trust process and when completed, apply for a mortgage or submit a letter to the Chairman's Office stating to stop the trust process and once acknowledged by the BIA, then apply for a mortgage.

BERNARD SMITH JR.

The land that Mr. Smith is requesting needs to be probated. The Tribe needs to probate the land so that the court can determine who holds the lease interest.

STANLEY WEBSTER

Mr. Webster would like to transfer the lease interest to Shirley Peters. Mr. Webster needs to bring in the trailer title to show that Shirley Peters is the owner of the trailer.

Motion made by Betty Jo Wozniak to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by David Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried. 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

11. Keshena Post Office Building: Discussion/Recommendations

The Keshena Post Office would like to enter into an agreement with the Tribe to lease a building from the Tribe. The Post Office - 20 year lease is almost up with Menominee County and the facility has had difficulties with security along with the needed repairs to the parking area. They would like to move closer to the strip mall by the Casino.

Betty Jo Wozniak informed her that the Housing Department is working on a development plan and can get extra points for inclusion of a post office, playgrounds, and other amenities.

This will remain an agenda item for next month's meeting.

12. Tool Sale South Branch Community Center

Rick Warrington informed the committee that the South Branch Community Center will be hosting a tool sale. She was instructed to contact the License and Permit Department for any necessary permits.

13. CMN Lease Request – Status Report

Melissa Cook was present to find out what is needed from the College to obtain the lease to the land for College Expansion. Because the plans have changed, Rick Warrington will work with Ms. Cook to bring back the new request to the Committee for recommendation to the Legislature for approval.

14. Rez Riders request

John Newton requested use of the Volland's Fields area for their Annual Fall ride. Mr. Newton did request a new area due to the growth in size and for the safety of the rider. The Rez Riders will provide proof of liability, and they will prepare and clean up the grounds that are used. The appropriate access permits will be applied for with the State of Wisconsin.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to recommend to the Legislature to approve the Rez Rider request to utilize the land the 3rd weekend in September for their annual horse trail ride (sponsored by St. Anthony's Church), and to provide proof of insurance. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

15. Gathering of Warrior Pow Wow request – May 15 – 17, 2009

The Menominee Veterans are requesting use of the Woodland Bowl for their annual Pow Wow. Rick Warrington confirmed that the Department does work with the Veteran's to insure that the grounds will be ready.

Motion made by David Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to approve the Menominee Veterans request to utilize the Woodland Bowl for the dates of May 15th through the 17th, 2009. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

16. Monthly Narratives

The committee would like to see the Loan Fund Director attend the meetings.

(Betty Jo Wozniak left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.)

TRIBAL UTILITIES

Dave Corn informed the committee that his Department will be requesting an additional \$27,000.00 from the Budget and Finance Committee due to the natural disaster's this winter.

Community Development is working with Alliant Energy to maintain the lights in the Middle Village area.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Smokey Fall Pedestrian Bridge will need to be insured by the Tribe as they are using Federal dollars to upgrade it. The liability issue was discussed and this will be addressed at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSIT SERVICES

Shawn Klemens was available for any questions that the Committee may have had.

17. Other Business

No other business.

18. Adjournment

Motion made by to Lisa Gast to adjourn the meeting. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (D. Miller).

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder
Chairman's Office